

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, April 16, 2012, 4:30 pm, at City Hall, Council Chambers. Present at said meeting were Richard Shockley, Karen Springer, John MacDonald, Patrick Flannelly, and Attorney Andy Gutwein. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Brenda Lorenz, Lee Booth, Dan Dunten and Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Present from the City was Council member Ann Hunt. Absent from the meeting was Park Board member, Aimee Jacobsen and Council members Gerald Thomas and Gerry Keen.

Richard convened the Board at 4:30pm.

The first item of the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the March 19, 2012 meeting. Karen motioned to approve the minutes. John seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- We have 28 coed teams registered and 9 men's teams registered for our summer leagues. Meetings to address schedule conflicts will be April 24 for the coed league and April 25 for the men's league. The following week there will be a schedule meeting for the umpires, along with a refresher clinic. League play will begin the week of May 7.
- The 18th Annual Global Fest will be Saturday, September 1. The Mayor has raised \$9,950.00 to date. The committee is still in need of a person to recruit volunteers.
- ADA Consultants of Indiana have completed their evaluations of Morton, Lilly Nature Center, and most of the pool. Once the water is on, completion of the pool will take place. If anyone is interested in copies of any of the reports, please let me know and I will forward the copies.

Parks – Lee reported on the following:

- Trail and Playground Inspections presented.
- The rebuilding of the fan coil units at Morton Center is complete. We are still working on some final bugs.
- All of the parks are now open for the season.
- There have been some signs and a drainage structure along the Wabash Heritage Trail in Happy Hollow Park installed.
- There is a newly installed swing set at Tommy Johnston Park.

Recreation Report – Chris reported on the following:

- We mailed the summer brochure to approximately 3,800 customers. We are currently processing mail-in registrations. Walk-in and call-in registrations begin this Thursday, April 19.
- Shane Fry and Rick Roseman, West Lafayette P.E. teachers and coaches, held a Spring Football camp. The camp met on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 21-30. The camp offered instructions on the fundamentals, offensive and defensive line play, and seven on seven games. There were 68 children enrolled in this first year program.

Morton Center – Brenda reported on the following:

- WALLA had another successful session of classes, which ended last week.
- Morton's Spring Dance Recital will be Saturday, April 28. It will be at the Loeb Playhouse, located at Purdue University, at 4:00pm. Complimentary tickets to the recital are available by contacting me after the meeting.
- Installation of all of the boxes for the HVAC units, in each room, is completed. Tweaking for the best performance is underway.
- The Coalition for Living Well after 50, which we are a member of, will have an Active Living and Senior Fun Day on May 9. There will be a health fair at Eastside 9 Theatre from 8:00-9:30am, followed by the screening of the movie, *Country Strong*. After the movie, a free lunch and wellness presentation will be at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds.
- Morton will be a voting center on May 8.

Stewardship Manager – Dan reported on the following:

- There have been water samplings taken from the various tributaries leading into the Wabash River. The results are still pending.
- DeTrash the Wabash is this Saturday, April 21 and we are expecting approximately 200 volunteers for the event.
- Work continues with a communications class at Purdue University on educational posters, 15 in all, which will be displayed on a rotating basis, in our triosks around the community.
- Work is continuing on the webcam implementation, with the final work left for the IT person to get the webcam up and running on the City's website.
- Arbor Day festivities are taking place on Friday, April 27.

Old Business

Farmers Market Proposal

Joe asked the Park Board for offerings of consensus or concerns regarding the overhead structures proposal at last month's Park Board meeting. He would like to pass the information along to the Redevelopment Commission, so that when funding becomes available, we will know the direction we are moving in. The Board agrees the plan design is a good idea, with the only concern focused on the height, wanting to make sure there is enough clearance for vehicles, during and after market times.

Blessed Sacrament Agreement

Pennie presented the annual agreement we hold with Blessed Sacrament Church for use of their softball field for our Coed league's summer program. In return for use of their field, we agree to the upkeep/mowing of the softball field area only. Pennie has been working with our Park Board attorney, Andy Gutwein, to come up with an agreement for next year that will renew automatically each year. Pat motioned to approve the agreement between Blessed Sacrament Church and the West Lafayette Parks & Recreation department as presented. Karen seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

New Business**Happy Hollow Fourth-Grade Request**

Joe presented a request, sent to him via email this morning, from Happy Hollow Elementary Fourth-Grade teachers, Mrs. Avery Brame and Miss Hilary Gilbert. Their fourth grade students are working together to plan a 5K run to raise awareness about childhood obesity. Their goal is to promote healthy living for the families in our community. The race, at Cumberland Park, May 19, will be a non-profit event for parents and children to participate in together. Due to the course being partially through the park complex, the group would like to rent a shelter for the morning to use for registration. Part of the students' purpose is to engage and involve the community in the pursuit of healthy living. They would like to invite the West Lafayette Park Board to Cosponsor the event. Due to the event being a non-profit and community venture, they are also requesting the Park Board waive or reduce the shelter rental fee for the race. Karen motioned to approve waiving the shelter fee per the request. John seconded the motion and the motion carried.

West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported the following:

- Now that the legislative session is over, the Board is analyzing the changes needed because of new education bills passed. One bill from last year, going into effect this year, is the mandate to hold school board elections in November. School corporations in the past had the choice of the May or November election. West Lafayette School Corporation and Tippecanoe School Corporation choose May. This year all school board elections will be in November.
- The state legislation is allocating more money to All-Day Kindergarten. It remains not fully funded. The basic state grant rises from \$1,200 to \$2,400 per student. A further stipulation is if you take the state grant, school corporations cannot ask parents to pay any additional money. The Board voted to accept the state grant for the next year, in spite of the fact the corporation would lose money. It costs approximately \$3,600 per ADK student.

Wabash River

n/a

Other

n/a

Pay Claims

Pat motioned for claims to be paid. John seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Karen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Pat seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 4:52pm.

Presiding Officer

Secretary